

COMPUTER CLUB

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Meeting Highlights



10 June 2009

West Vancouver Seniors' Activity Centre Computer Club

Maureen opened the meeting at 1:15 pm and welcomed members and guests. She noted the \$2.00 drop in fee which goes to the Seniors Centre.

Annual General Meeting

Maureen reminded everyone of the June 17 AGM and Reception which will be held in the Audio/Visual Room NOT the Activity Room.

Peter reminded everyone that nominations for the Club's board of directors were still required and that today was the last date for nominations.

Presentation

Maureen introduced Kat Siddle, a librarian who works at the West Vancouver Library and also with the Richmond Library service, who would be talking about Social Networking websites.

Kat outlined the general background to social networking websites explaining that while Facebook may be the best known social networking site, there were hundreds of other sites throughout the world catering to cultural, national, general and quite specific hobbies or subject areas. These sites provided a convenient way for people with shared common interests to exchange ideas and experiences.

She described and demonstrated three currently popular sites:

- **Flickr** – one of the best online photo management and sharing application in the world, to show off your favorite photos and videos to the world.
- **Twitter** - a free service that lets you keep in touch with people through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: What are you doing ... etc It can be used through desktop or laptop computers or more frequently via cell phones.
- **Facebook** - a free-access social networking website that is operated and privately owned by Facebook Inc. Users can join networks organized by city, workplace, school, and region to connect and interact with other people. People can also add friends and send them messages, and update their personal profiles to notify friends about themselves.

Kat used her personal Facebook membership to demonstrate with a humorous and personal touch how to set up and use the site including practical guidance for grandparents and their grandchildren.

She explained that while there are some obvious and practical 'controls' that users can set up for access to their personal information the problems usually arise around the lack of control over 'friends' who can also circulate information you have sent them.

The practical rule seems to be 'if you wouldn't send the material (text/images etc) to your Mum or your Boss; then don't send it to anyone on facebook'

Maureen thanked Kat for a very interesting look into social networking and for answering our questions on this very topical area and the meeting closed at about 3:00pm

"The following links are recommended for anyone interested in Facebook or any of the other Social Networking sites.

10 privacy settings every Facebook user should know:

<http://www.allfacebook.com/2009/02/facebook-privacy/>

A list of social networking sites:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_social_networking_websites

Next Meeting

Annual general meeting - Wednesday 17th June 2009 at 1:15 pm

Peter Thompson